

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
B.S.A.

DATE 3/6/62

Full Name Perry, Merle G. Jr.
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)
Presently - 325 Cloverdale Ave., Flint 3, Mich.

Address 8138 S. Morrish Rd.

City Swartz Creek State Michigan

Age 40 (This is important and should be exact) DOB 9/30/21

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion Prot. Nationality _____

Occupation Presently - Battery Mfg. business with his father

Education University of Michigan, McCormick Theological Sem.

Weight 187 Color White Height 5'10"

Color of hair _____ Color of eyes _____

Outstanding characteristics or interests _____

Married or single Single (1/57) Children _____
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>Unit #</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date Reg'd.</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>
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Former District Scout Executive Flint, Mich. and Springfield, Ill.
Left Springfield, Ill. about 4 years ago

Special recognition _____

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

Signed _____
Scout Executive

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

730 East Vine Street, Springfield, Illinois

Telephone - - 8-5693

For Intra-Organization Correspondence

March 28, 1962

Mr. John D. Webster
Assistant Director
Registration Service
National Council
Boy Scouts of America
New Brunswick, New Jersey

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Merle Perry

Dear Mr. Webster:

Referring to previous correspondence regarding Merle Perry, -- here is a gem.

The folks who reported the incident to me called last Friday and asked me to stop by and read a letter.

I went out Saturday noon and after reading the letter, asked if they were going to answer it. They said, "no", and I asked for it to send to you for the file.

Here it is, -- it is an admission, with a lot of rambling added.

Hope it closes the matter.

Sincerely,

R. L. Thompson

R. L. Thompson
Scout Executive

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RIT:eh

P.S. I showed this letter to one of our personnel men who is a handwriting expert. He says this sex problem stands out throughout this letter.

R. L. T.
R.L.T.

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Dear [REDACTED], [REDACTED] & [REDACTED],

March 28, 1962
First Day of Spring

Please let me talk with you a few minutes. I am inclined to believe that [REDACTED] was shocked not so much, if at all, with what he saw, but with who he saw. It is hard for me to conceive of myself as an idol to be worshipped, but if I were, to [REDACTED], his idol fell to the earth in ashes. It was only a few days before [REDACTED] failed to even notice my presence around the place and of course I was shortly removed from the premises - and rightly so. It would have been better if I had kept on moving straight to Michigan right then. Actually my stay in Springfield had only a brief period of happiness - this was when I lived with you folks - I am sorry if I betrayed your confidence - for when I had to move I did indeed. The following months were the loneliest I have ever known. The other apartment I rented could have become a tomb, for if I had died in it, now one would have discovered me for days - even the Rent Office wouldn't have missed me for a week, I believe.

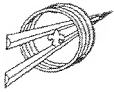
Well, Mr. Thompson has made it final now, and I am banned from hunting for eternity now - extending even to Church, school and camps because one of the local ministers here bore the news to me rather than the Rent Office. The irony is that I have been practicing in hunting for two years, though registered.

My one concern is that you folks don't continue to hate me for a moment of impropriety five years past, and I ask your forgiveness. I assure you that tho I feel penitent, I can't feel either criminal or insane. I feel quite normal, though very very old now - having just past my 40th birthday. They say life begins at 40. It'll be different, that's for sure.

I presume [REDACTED] graduates this year. My best wishes for his future success.

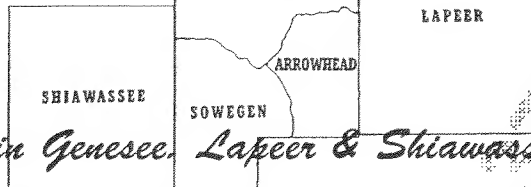
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THE TALL PINE COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



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200 E. Kearsley St.

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Flint 2, Michigan

March 8, 1962

Mr. John D. Webster
Asst. Director
Registration Service
Boy Scouts of America
New Brunswick, N. J.

Dear Mr. Webster:

Following the receipt of the letter from S. E. Thompson of the Abraham Lincoln Council, we made an appointment with Merle Perry, Jr. through his pastor who was also present. Merle denied the accusation but declined to make any defense and apparently accepted the situation. I have since this meeting received a letter from him resigning his Scouting position. It would appear that he does not contemplate any attempt to clear his name.

As you may know, Merle is a "home-town" boy and was a member of our council staff before he went to Springfield. On leaving the profession he returned to Flint where he is currently working with his father in his battery mfg. business. His father is a fine Scouter and has received the Silver Beaver award.

Merle has been registered and is currently the Explorer Advisor for Post 20 sponsored by the Westminster Presby. Church. We are removing him from that scouting office and since the unit charter expires April 30 a replacement will be secured in his stead. His home address is 325 Cloverdale Ave. in Flint 3, Mich. which is his parents home address also. He is at present 40 years old.

I trust the above information is what you need and if you have any further questions or suggestions as to our handling of this matter we'll appreciate hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Robert C. Reusch
Scout Executive

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

March 8, 1962

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: Merle Perry

Mr. John D. Webster
Assistant Director
Registration Service
National Council
Boy Scouts of America
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Webster:

Referring to your letter of March 6th, you have apparently misinterpreted the information I sent you on the above person.

The recent arrest and conviction to which I referred did not involve Merle Perry. It was because of this arrest and conviction that my informant decided he should tell me about the Merle Perry incident.

Merle Perry left Springfield over four years ago and is back in Flint, Michigan.

Sincerely,



R. L. Thompson
Scout Executive

RLT:eh

CC - Robert C. Reusch
Scout Executive
Flint, Michigan

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March 6, 1962

Mr. Robert G. Rousch, Scout Executive
Tall Pine Council, No. 264
200 E. Kearsley Street
Flint 3, Michigan

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Merle G. Perry, Jr.

Dear Mr. Rousch:

We have just received a copy of the letter that Scout Executive R. L. Thompson of the Abraham Lincoln Council wrote you concerning Merle Perry.

The fact that he wrote you this letter indicates that probably Mr. Perry is in your area and we would appreciate it if you could advise us of his address. Also, could you please advise us if he is currently associated with Scouting in any position.

Sincerely yours,
PERSONNEL DIVISION

John D. Webster
Assistant Director
Registration Service

JDW:lbh

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March 6, 1962

Mr. R. L. Thompson, Scout Executive
Abraham Lincoln Council, No. 144
730 E. Vine Street
Springfield, Illinois

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Merle Perry

Dear Mr. Thompson:

We have received a copy of your letter to Robert C. Reusch, Scout Executive, Tall Pine Council, Flint, Michigan. We have noted Mr. Perry's name in our file.

Since he is a former Professional, we can get the personal information we need from his records, however, we would appreciate, if possible, any additional information you might have concerning his recent arrest and conviction. This could be in the form of a news article.

We assume by the fact that you wrote to Mr. Reusch, that Mr. Perry is now back in the Flint Area. If he isn't, please advise us of his most recent location so that we may have this information in our files.

Sincerely yours,
PERSONNEL DIVISION

John D. Webster
Assistant Director
Registration Service

JDW:nlh

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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For Intra-Organization Correspondence

March 1, 1962

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Robert C. Reusch
Scout Executive
Boy Scouts of America
200 East Kearsley Street
Flint 2, Michigan

Dear Bob:

I'm sorry to have to write this letter.

Merle Perry is Homo-sexual.

Last week my barber told me of an incident between Merle and the barber's son which is conclusive.

The boy, then 13, had been invited by Merle to ride to Jacksonville with Merle, as company. Parents said OK. Merle was a member of their church, and at the time was renting an apartment with them.

After the meeting, on the way home, Merle made immoral advances, carried out acts, and extracted a promise from the boy not to tell his folks. This happened about three months before Merle resigned from the professional service.

After Merle left Springfield the boy told his parents, but they decided not to say anything about it because Merle had left the profession. A recent arrest and conviction here caused the barber to tell me about it. I asked why he did not tell me before and he said, "Well, I figured he was out of Scouting so it would not make any difference."

Sincerely,

R. L. Thompson

R. L. Thompson
Scout Executive

RLT:eh

CC - Registration Service
National Council

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